

# **New Mexico Health Information System (HIS) Act Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

December 8, 2020

Zoom meeting provided on behalf of the New Mexico Hospital Association

## **HIS Advisory Committee Members Present:**

Mark Epstein – Health Insurance Provider (True Health New Mexico)  
Kristina Fisher – Health Consumer Group (Think New Mexico)  
Heidi Krapfl, Acting Chair, Department of Health (DOH)  
Bill Patten – Health Care Organization (Taos Holy Cross)  
Julia Ruetten (for Todd Sandman – Health Care Provider (Presbyterian Health Services)  
Janice Torrez – Health Insurance Provider [Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS)]  
Judy Williams – Health Data  
Anthony Yepa – Health Consumer  
Julie Weinberg (for Russell Toal – OSI)  
Nandini Kuehn – Health Policy  
Bonnie White – Health Care Organization [University of New Mexico Hospital (UNMH)]

## **Members not present:**

Robert Doucette-OSI  
Ryan O'Connor-HSD  
Russell Toal=OSI  
Jeff Dye-NMHA

## **Other Attendees:**

Kari Armijo – HSD  
Lyndi Dittmer-Perry, APCD IT Project Manager, DOH  
Brenna Gaytan – BCBS  
Ken Geter – Community & Health Systems Epidemiology Bureau, DOH  
Keaton Hughes – Health Systems Epidemiology Program, CHSEB, DOH  
Ellen Interlandi – NMHA  
Dan Lanari – NMHA  
Antonio Pedroncelli – Magellan  
Lori Zigich – Health System Epidemiology Program, CHSEB, DOH  
Bill Patten-CEO, Taos Holy Cross Medical Center  
Terry Reusser-CIO, NMDOH  
Shandiin Wood- Health Systems Epidemiology Program, CHSEB, DOH

## Review of Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2020 Meeting

- Nandini Kuehn had a question about the inaugural steering committee on page 2 and to address who are the committee members and what is the charge?
  - Keaton, Heidi, Lyndi and Ken provided description for APCD Executive project steering committee that pertains to work done between state agencies related to the APCD.
  - Lyndi will provide a list of steering committee members.
- Judy Williams had a question regarding the benefits of Medicare data and aggregate data.
- Approval of October 6 meeting minutes.

## Review Agenda

- Agenda Approved

## APCD Updates:

- Heidi mentioned the Notice of Public Hearing for the APCD rules has been published and will occur January 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 12:00pm (MT)
  - Ken will be taking comments on the rule
  - We have a hearing officer assigned
  - Comments will be accepted until 5pm on the date of the hearing
  - Mark asked what happens to the public comments
    - General feedback was comments will be digested and hearing officer provides recommendations for any modifications to the rule
    - The comments will get published in the register, then the rule becomes finalized in the state making process
- Keaton provided an update to DOH-HSD-FHC collaboration to submit I-APD
  - DOH and HSD will co-host kick off meeting regarding APCD and address related topics and generate use cases in 4-5 subsequent meetings.
- Provided update on CMS Match funding in either 90/10 or 75/25 scenario. (State funds the lower percentage and CMS funds cover a portion of the Medicaid population)-need more clarification on this.
- Provided an updated to us receiving 2016-18 Medicare data
  - Keaton explained NMDOH has been granted State Agency authorization of Medicare data by CMS and the labor-intensive process of becoming a Qualified Entity and the benefits of using Medicare data associated with that.
- Heidi responded to a question about Aggregate data, from the Office of General Council at DOH wanting to address the definition of aggregate data for consistency.
- Keaton provided overview and update for APCD Data Communication Plan
  - Goal-To build and maintain relationships built thus far and maintain engagement of those who will use the data, annual meeting of all stakeholder, quarterly news letter update.
  - Public facing website built into second RFP for vendor to address

- General agreement of initial topics to start the communication effort in early Jan 2021 (suggestions to include update on procurement process and rules announcement)
- Heidi provided brief update regarding the continuation of C2 APCD funding
  - Additional funding request is in process with LFC.
- Mark Epstein wanted to make sure that there are no “holes” in the rules for data submitters to opt out of submitting data. There have been multiple efforts to look at this issue and ensure that there is a data submission mandate for identified data submitters.
- Nandini asked for a timeline update
  - Lyndi providing RFP protocols and the restrictions of not sharing information of an open procurement, the attempt to align with our I-APD submission, and that we expect contract execution in April or May.

**Action item to resolve:**

- Names of membership in Executive Steering committee and what is the charge.
- Email from Judy Williams - found an error in the October 6 meeting minutes, “Under status of the HIS committee: Members were asked if anyone wanted to *lead* the committee. I believe the word is LEAVE.” Lori Zigich made the correction in the minutes.

**Next Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 12, 2:00 – 3:00PM** via Zoom provided on behalf of the New Mexico Hospital Association.